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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/747,825	Applicant(s) NAGO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 37-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 44-47 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 37-43 and 48-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 37 and 43 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The term "paper in alignment" (claim 37, line 21) is improper grammar.

Claim 39/43 is redundant to claim 39 from which it depends.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 37-43 and 48-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The following terms lack sufficient antecedent bases:

"different points in time" (claim 37, line 35; claim 40, line 50 and line 52; and claim 53, line 3 and line 5),

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“infrared ray” (claim 38, line 2; claim 39, line 2; claim 42, line 2; claim 43, line 2; claim 48, line 4; claim 49, line 2; claim 55, line 4; claim 56, line 2 and line 4; and claim 57, line 2),

“light” (claim 38, line 4; claim 42, line 4; and claim 49, line 4), and

“wavelength” (claim 41, line 3; claim 51, line 15 and line 28; and claim 55, line 4).

The following terms are ambiguous:

“before and behind” (claim 40, lines 3 and 4, and claim 51, line 3),

“other of the first and second lights” (claim 54, line 2), and

“other of the third and fourth lights” (claim 54, line 3).

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 44-47 are allowed. Claims 37-43 and 48-57 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

Claims 37-43 and 48-57 stand rejected. Claims 44-47 are allowed. Claims 1-36 have been canceled by the Applicant. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark J. Beauchaine

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whose telephone number is (571)272-6934. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM through 5:00PM Mondays through Thursdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick H. Mackey can be reached on (571)272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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